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Fashion Week in Focus: ARUBA IN STYLE is here! ARUBAINSTYLE/SALON events begin tonight with "Muhe Frida"

The ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion week officially kicks off tomorrow evening with a gala shopping night at Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad, where many of the international celebrity designers and glitterati that have come to Aruba to attend the 3-day event will be strolling the walkways and window shopping. The public are welcome to join them from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, and tickets are on sale at the ARUBA IN STYLE office in the mall for the runway sessions Friday through Sunday, with a comsigner will be showing when.



AIS Salon curator Gijs Stork

Tel. 582-8600 • Fax. 582-7212 E-mail: budgetaruba@setarnet.aw - www.budgetaruba.com "AN INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUDGET SYSTEM LICENSEE" Key US senator to unveil Africa trade bill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Worried by China's expanding economic ties to Africa, a key US senator said yesterday he would soon unveil a bill aimed at tripling US exports to the resource-rich continent over the next decade.

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Senator Dick Durbin, the Senate's number-two Democratic leader, said he would offer his legislation as soon as he found a Republican cosponsor for the measure.

"We're basically ready to go," he told AFP after leaving a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs hearing on Beijing's strategy for expanding economic relations with the continent.

Durbin's proposal aims to harmonize often disjointed US government efforts, notably by creating a new "White House Africa Strategy Coordinator" to help US companies looking to reach African markets, according to a summary of the bill

The measure would strive for closer cooperation among the US Export-Import Bank, the US State Department, the US Commerce Department, the Small Business Adminis-



Dick Durbin

tration, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee to aid US firms.

It would also raise limits on Export-Import Bank loans available to US businesses to counter what US officials charge are China's concessional loans to African nations.

And the proposal would also look to train US diplomatic staff on US government programs to boost exports to Africa.

Democratic Senator Chris Coons, who chaired the hear-

ing, backed Durbin's approach and called for a "comprehensive US trade strategy for Africa" while stressing it could help battle stubbornly high US unemployment.

"More US companies selling their goods in Africa translates into more American jobs," said Coons.

Senator Johnny Isakson, the top Republican on Coons' subcommittee, said he was "still reading" Durbin's proposal and could not yet say whether he would co-sponsor it.

However, one need not wait until then to begin to experience the exhilarating art of fashion, as events begin tonight with the presentation of "Muhe Frida" at Aruba's Cas di Cultura, starring noted island Alvdia Wever. This recreation of the dramatic short that won the Judges' Choice Award at the Aruba International Film Festival in June; an homage to the arresting and unique personality that was Frida Kahlo, whose talent and individuality have made her an artistic icon. The program begins at 7:30 and includes an art exposition.

This is only first of 10 days of expositions from November 3 to 13, which comprise the ARUBAINSTYLE/Salon at 22 unique venues around Aruba. "SALON/ looks for new paths,

new places and locations to give exposure to known and unknown artists, designers and the likes. To create a context for discussion and cross-cultural productions on grounds which maybe are not obvious when you think of fashion, art and design is what opens your eyes....or resets your gaze in how you previously interpreted contemporary art, fashion and design," according to organizer Gijs Stork regarding this fascinating cultural event which will punctuate the fashion week beyond its finish of runway events on November 6.

ARUBAINSTYLE/Salon will showcase the works of an international roster of artists from Holland, South Africa, and Aruba.

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The Department of Education Informs RBTT Bank launches a about student housing in Nijmegen

Students planning on studying in Nijmegen for 2012-2013 and who intend on living in student housing must register at www.sshn.nl. The student will be required to pay a 20 Euro registration fee upon his arrival in the Nether-

Students who register between the 1st and 5th of November 2011 will participate in a raffle to determine whether he has succeeded in getting the room. If he wins the raffle, he gets the room!

In the month of July 2012 the student will receive an "interest letter in his email. In that letter he will get a raffle number along with an aswer form from SSHN. The student is then required to respond to this communique, or less he forfeits his chances all together. During the months of July to September 2012 the rooms are allocated in number sequence of the raffle numbers. This means that a student cannot get a room until towards the end of September. Nonetheless rooms may be allotted in July as well.

Students who registered after the 5th of November will receive rooms much later. If a student arrives in Holland without having arranged for a room in advance, the student will be personally responsable



until he finds a room. The student is also required to register at the Nijmegen Municipial Bureau using a temporary address. The student may only chose the Hoogeveldt and Vossenveld complexes. The possibility for finding housing for couples or families is extremely limited at SSHN.

For more information regarding the procedure, conditions and requirements for registering for housing is available on the website. Or for any other inquiries you can call SSHN at telephone: 0031-243-359-4939 or via email. Proof of registration from SSHN must be sent to the mentor in Nijmegen, to Mrs. Swinda Venhorst-Thijsen.

General Information

Real estate agents or brokers can also assist with finding housing. However, these charge fees three times the rent of an unfurnished room for

for finding temporary lodging their services payable at the Where Everyone is Welcome * 1 PER PERSON PER DAY *

signing of the rental contract.

Well-known websites housing www.rotsvast.nl www.directwonen.nl.

The price range for rent in this región is around 350 Euros per month. All rooms are unfurnished and the estimated cost for furnishings range between 1800 to 2000 Euros. They do

not advise students to register using the real estate agents or brokers. Students are advised to register at more than one city if they are uncertain which city they will be studying in. Most registrations are free of charge. For additional enquiries, please consult the Aruba House at: www.aruba huis. nl.

Study mentor in Nijmegen: Swinda Venhorst-Thijsen Isaac da Costadreef 18 5051 MB Goirle T 0031-13-5347024 M 0031-6-53518958

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Or consult the Department of Education in Aruba at: www.ea.aw.

special holiday campaign

It is that time of year to shop for gifts for family, co-workers and friends, and RBTT Bank announced a special Christmas Campaign to help with this year's gift-giving expenses. RBTT Marketing Manager Giovanni Croes and Assistant Marketing Manager Rose Ann Ruiz explained that special discounted interest rates are being offered to all those applying for Personal or Auto Loans until the end of the year, December 31.

Those applying online will automatically be eligible for a .5% discount, but must still apply in person with proper ID, (a copy of work permit if not a permanent resident,) their last 2 pay slips and a letter of reference from their employer. When the loans are approved, applicants will be invited to select a special decoration ball from the Christmas tree adorning the lobby of the RBTT Head office in Eagle; the balls contain a slip that will declare the percentage of discount to the interest on the loan.

Personal loans are being offered already at a reduced rate of 15% during this period, but can be reduced to as little as



Rose Ann Ruiz and Giovanni Croes

13% depending on the applicant's good fortune. For car loans, the interest rate is 12% and lucky applicants can go as low as 9.5%.

All those applying for loans will receive a raffle ticket for a final drawing with a 42" LCD TV as the grand prize. During this period, also those issued new RBTT Bank Credit Cards will be eligible for a drawing for an iPad at the finish.

For more information regarding the RBTT Bank Special Christmas Campaign 2011, pass by their Eagle Headquarters or call 588-0101.

The Department of Education reports on Student Housing in Leeuwarden

All students planning on studying in Leeuwarden, Holland and who intend on living in student housing, need to contact the mentor in Leeuwarden. This can be done via email at: oslinras@hotmail.com. Once the student has contacted the mentor, he will include the student's name on a list and later the student will be contacted from Holland concerning his expressed interest in housing.

General Information

Students can also get assistance from real estate agents. However, these normally request a fee three times the amount of the rent for their mediation and services for an unfurnished room, which must be paid at the signing of the rental contract.

Well-known websites for housing are: www.rotsvast.nl and www.directwonen.nl.

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We have feted and hosted, and was proud because we had the high honor of the visit of our beloved Queen of the Netherlands. Aruba was in the spotlight as the HRM Queen Beatrix visited the island along with her son, HRH Prince of Orange and his wife, HRH Princes Maxima of the Netherlands. The Queen is a remarkable person with an aura of simplicity and dignity, coupled with genuine friendliness and a charisma not often seen in royalty.

It was very obvious that Queen Beatrix has a keen knowledge of the island, the culture and its customs; and she appears to understand Arubans well, certainly our political leaders. Her remarks lead us to believe that she is quite pleased with the way the country, one of her jurisdictions, is being managed.

She seems to have the confidence that we are on the right track economically. Her encouragements and support give us unction to go on, to

track forward.

The question we raise now is, what exactly has her visit meant for Aruba. How will her visit help us on the way forward? For one, as sited above, her visit has encouraged us! Her visit has given us new zeal to press on despite whatever odds. She assured us in her words and through her gestures that we are on the right track. We must now put our hands to the plough and without looking back continue to chart a new future for Aruba. Her visit has inspired us to pursue the goal of creating a truly green island. To implement more and effective programs to care for the weak among

Aruba is poised to become the leader in the Caribbean of a green environment, providing alternative energy sources for our industry and for every citizen. We must free ourselves from slavery to environmentally damaging expensive fossil fuels.

Queen Beatrix is gone, but her influence and encouragement will live on for many years. The seeds of new progress and of a greener tomorrow have been planted and her encouragement came as fertilizer to our efforts. We have only to put our strengths and will together as a nation and make happen what we know to be best for everyone living on this blessed Dutch Kingdom Apart Status territory. We trust God for the wisdom and knowledge for the way forward!

It is high time that our leaders begin looking only forward. No more reminiscing of the failures of the past... we can only make progress as we march forward with united resolve. What did not happen in the past or what went wrong in the past has already been noted, let's focus now on a better tomorrow! Going forward while constantly looking back will only retard our progress and frustrate the strategy and vision!

The Department of Education . . .

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All rooms are received unfurnished, hence, it is the student who is responsable for furnishing the room. Furnishing a room will cost anywhere from 1.800 Euros to 2.000 Euros.

The Department of Education alerts students that it is not advisable to make rental arrangements over the internet or by other long distant means. In the event the student is not sure in which city he will be studying, he is advised to register for housing in more than one city. Most registrations can be done free of charge. For more questions related to housing, the student should contact the mentor of the city he is intending to go to for his studies or he can go to the Aruba House at: www.arubahuis.nl.

Study Mentor in Leeuwarden/Groningen:

Oslin Ras Kastanjelaan 50 9741 CR Groningen M: 0031-62-358-4658 Email: oslinras@hotmail.

For information concerning studying, Financing of your Education (Aruba Student Loan and Study Guidance, visit the website of the Aruba Department of Education: www.ea.aw. You can also check them out at "Ensenansa Aruba" on Facebook and/or "Education Aruba" on Twitter if you want to be kept duly informed.



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"Muhe Frida"



Work of artist Mattijs van Bergen during a salon in Holland

Special events surrounding the AIS/SALON include:

NOVEMBER 2:

Workshop Telka van Dodewaard at Archeology Museum

2-3 Nov Table dress workshop/performance by Painted Series in Scol di Arte, San Nicolaas supported by Unoca

Welcome party Dutch group &AIS/Salon participants at VNO, 5-7pm

Premiere Alydia Wevers Frida Kahlo in Cas di Cultura, 8-10pm

NOVEMBER 3:

Opening ceremonies AIS/Salon

Opening 'Men's Club' @ House of Mosaic; curator Fernando Mansur, 10-12pm

NOVEMBER 4:

Opening Bra-Art & exhibitions @ Ateliers '89 with Elvis Lopez, 6-10pm

NOVEMBER 5:

Dutch catwalk shows by Mattijs van Bergen, Marga Weimans, Edwin Oudshoorn

NOVEMBER 9:

Edwin Oudshoorn's Art Rules Aruba Workshop kidsworkshop @ San Nicolas

Pink runways in Westin Hotel Ballrooms runway & special photo exposition

NOVEMBER 11

Carnival fashion event 11-11-'11 (official opening of Carnival Season)

NOVEMBER 12:

AIS/SALON closure party @ Green Village, San Nicolaas by Michael Lampe, 6-8pm



Stadhuis venue for one of the exhibits

& ArtEZ (Anne Bosman, Sanne Schepers, Linda de Jong), starting at 4pm

FFFashion Opera by Nelson Gonzalez @Balashi, at 10pm

NOVEMBER 6:

Marga Weimans & Mattijs van Bergen's Art Rules Aruba kids-workshop @ Skol di Arte San Nicolas

NOVEMBER 7- 13

Frida Kahlo exhibition in

NOVEMBER 13:

Venues for the exhibits that will be on display through the ten days are:

The home of Elisa Lejuez, House of Mosaic, Westin Aruba Resort, Aruba Archaeological Museum, Arends House, now Papiamento Restaurant, De Suikertuin Restaurant, which is a landmark building, Ateliers '89, Renaissance Resort, Renai-

MALL. sance BLEU Lounge in the lobby of the Renaissance Renais-Hotel. sance Convention Center, Fort Zoutman (tentative), VNO offices-**Dutch Delegation** to Aruba, Cas di Cultura, Studio O, Reina Beatrix International Airport arrival hall, landmark home of Maria Teresa.

Other participating artist from Aruba are: Ciro Abath (art) Efrem Angela (art), Ronchi de Cuba (fashion), Rob ter

Haar (art), Pricilla Lacle (art), Michael Lampe (music), Elisa Lejuez (fashion), Jowy Maasdamme (illustratie). Maria Teresa Madriage (styling), Osaira Muyale (art), Ryan Oduber (art), Edwin Oudshoorn (fashion), Hugo Palmar (art), Rebecca Roos (film), Claudia Vasquez, Kevin Schuit (art), Robin de Vogel (site specific art). Jess Wolff (fashion) and Ken Wolff (performance.)

South African Artists are: Darki (fashion), Stiaan Louw (fashion), Chris Saunders (photography), Athi Patra Ruga (art) and David West (fashion).

From Holland: Artez (fashion), Mattijs van Bergen (fashion), Anne Bosman



(fashion), Linda de Jong (fashion), Individuals (fashion), Pauline van Dongen (fashion), Edwin Oudshoorn (fashion), Fantastic Man (fashion), Freudenthal/ Verhagen (photography), Gentlewoman (fashion), Guild of Holland (design), Kate van Harreveld (art), Koen Hauser (art), Marcha Huskes (fashion), Claes Iversen (fashion), Linda de Jong (fashion), Bas Kosters (fashion), Fur Free (photography), Lernert & Sander (art), Petra Lunenberg (art), Maegpai (fashion design), Mona di Orio (perfume), Mustafa Ozenism EYE (film), Painted Series (fashion), Studio Sober (art), Antoine Peters (fashion), Sanne Schepers (fashion), Viviane Sassen (photography), Scheltens Abbenes (photography), Viktor & Rolf (fashion), Quoc Thang (fashion), Marga Weimans (fashion), Youasme Measyou (fashion), Philippe Vogelenzang & Majid Karrouch (photography), Hyun Yeu (fashion), Zara Zerny (film)

A total of 22 collaborative expositions demonstrating the interweaving of art and fashion, as well as their creative impact on our lives, will be an exciting part of the AIS Fashion Week every day from noon to 5 P.M. For a full listing of what will be on display where, visit their Facebook page http://www.face book. com/pages/salon1/ 134636176549272 for latest updates: or their blog: http://salon1amsterdam.blog spot.com



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Aruba's Second Green Conference a raving success



ORANJESTAD -- The organizing team of this year's conference on alternative energy can look back at a tremendously successful Aruba Green Conference. It was an immaculately prepared conference by any standard. They succeeded in bringing some of the most outstanding speakers from around the world to Aruba.

These were all noted experts in the field of green energy, which is the topic

dominating discussion world-wide today. And, Aruba is poised for becoming a leader of green energy for our country. Each speaker somehow referred to this vision of Aruba. They had much praise for Aruba's resolve to pursue green energy initiatives.

Minister of Finance and Energy, Mike de Meza, who acted as the host for this year's green conference, opened the conference on Thursday morning in the presence of a packed auditorium of people interested in the topic of green energy. When asked what drives him to continue the goal for green energy, de Meza responded.... "The reason is, we must look for resources to ensure sustainability for our energy needs".

De Meza informed that the fossil combustible resources have its limitations. It appears to be deple-

ting and it has a tremendous impact on the world's environment. Hence, the moment is right now to focus on sustainable energy.

According to de Meza, 50 years ago we were warned about what we are seeing today, a depleting energy resource. In 1999 a barrel of petroleum that was used for our sea water distillery and to produce electricity was priced at between 12 to 15 dollars.

Today that same barrel of fuel costs 100 dollars! The impact is great and the price of water and electricity has tripled during the last 10 years. De Mezas is convinced that we can no longer continue paying such prices. The global crisis is directly connected to the energy crisis.

Therefore, de Mezas believes that Aruba as a small island must prepare herself before it is too late. Aruba does not have fossil fuels. But, what we do have is the sun and wind, and we have these in abundance and we are surrounded by water. All three of these are sources of sustainable energy.

As a tourism island, sustainable energy is extremely important to us. For this reason, said De Meza, Aruba is focusing heavily on green energy. Much has already been done and there is a whole lot more to be done.

According to de Meza, Aruba is taking a leadership role in this matter.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY:

Hillary Clinton dies



This January 2, 2008 file photo shows former Democratic presidential hopeful and New York Senator Hillary Clinton (R), her mother Dorothy Rodham (C) and daughter Chelsea Clinton (L).

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The mother of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose triumph over childhood abandonment proved a lasting inspiration to the chief US diplomat, has died at the age of

Dorothy Rodham, who was born in Chicago on June 4, 1919, died shortly after midnight yesterday surrounded by her family, the family said in a brief statement.

Clinton was preparing to travel to conferences in London and Istanbul late yesterday when State Department officials announced she had canceled the trip due to her mother's illness.

"Her story was a quintessentially American one, largely because she wrote it herself." the statement said without giving the cause of death.

"She overcame abandon-

ment and hardship as a young girl to become the remarkable woman she was -- a warm, generous and strong woman; an intellectual; a woman who told a great joke and always got the joke; an extraordinary friend and, most of all, a loving wife, mother and grandmother."

Rodham is known as being media-shy but in December 2007 she made a rare public appearance in Iowa to campaign for her daughter's presidential nomination bid.

President Barack Obama, who beat Clinton for the Democratic Party nomination, paid tribute to Clinton's mother in the Oval Office.

"Miss Rodham was a remarkable person. Anybody who knows her history knows

what a strong, determined and gifted person she was," Obama told reporters. Extend your Stay at

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Inspirational mother of US cautious on Syria, Arab talks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States reacted cautiously yesterday amid conflicting reports about talks between Syria and Arab states on a roadmap to end violence between the Syrian government and protestors.

Syrian official media said Damascus and the Arab League had agreed on a plan to end the violence and a formal announcement would be made

But the Arab League later said it had not yet received Syria's response to the plan to end the bloodletting.

The White House said it had seen the reports quoting Syria's official media, but could not be sure if they were correct.

"We have seen the report.

We can't verify it at this point," said White House spokesman Jay Carney, speaking before the Arab League made its announcement.

"We welcome efforts by the international community to convince the Assad regime to cease the kind of violent acts that it's been perpetrating on its own people.

"What remains true today is that we continue to believe that Assad is illegitimate and should step down."

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland also could not confirm the reports but said Washington backed Arab League calls for the withdrawal of heavy weaponry, the release of political prisoners and an end to torture and extrajudicial killings.

"So if, in fact, we have a Syrian regime that is accepting that full list of things, we would consider that a first step to the direction that we want to see Syria move."

The Arab League wants Syria to respond to proposals to end more than seven months of bloodletting which, the UN says, have claimed more than 3,000 lives, mostly civilians killed in a government crackdown on dissent.

President Bashar al-Assad is under mounting international and Arab pressure to end the violence and implement wide-ranging political reforms to meet the aspirations of protesters who have rallied almost daily since mid-March.





Trial climax looms as Jackson doc stays mum

LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Lawyers rested their cases yesterday at the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor, paving the way for closing arguments after medic Conrad Murray bluntly declined to testify in his own defense.

Judge Michael Pastor adjourned the trial until tomorrow, when prosecution and defense attorneys will summarize their cases after nearly six weeks of testimony which has heavily implicated Murray over Jackson's 2009 death.

The announcement came shortly after Murray, charged with involuntary manslaughter over Jackson's death from an overdose of powerful sedatives, announced his much-anticipated decision on whether to take the stand himself.

"My decision is that I will not testify in this matter," said Murray, who only a day earlier had surprised observers by saying he had not yet decided, fueling intense speculation that he could do so.

Most observers have assumed that Murray, whose acgiven in a two-hour interview

with police, would not testify as it could only harm his case.

That point of view was bolstered Monday when prosecutor David Walgren staged a forensic cross-examination picking apart the testimony of the defense's star witness, Doctor Paul White, which he could have repeated on Murray.

But others argued that given how many holes prosecutors have picked in his defense case, Murray -- who has sat in grim silence for the last five weeks -- could have decided to appeal directly to the

Murray faces up to four years in jail if convicted over Jackson's death from "acute propofol intoxication" in Los Angeles, where the singer was rehearsing for a series of planned comeback shows.

The prosecution claims that Murray, who was being paid \$150,000 (105,000 euros) a month, killed Jackson by administering a deadly cocktail of drugs to help him sleep, and then abandoning

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Remembering 13 years of captivity



CALI, Colombia A girl (L) holds a picture of police sergeant Cesar Augusto Lasso, along with other mates holding pictures of other kidnapped policemen, during a mass commemorating the 13th anniversary of Lasso's kidnapping, in Cali, department of Valle del Cauca, Colombia, on November 1, 2011. Lasso, who is still being held hostage, was kidnapped by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrillas during an attack to the municipality of Mitu, department of Vaupes, on November 1, 1998. (AFP PHOTO)

Crime-ridden Honduras launches crackdown

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - Joint military-police patrols entered the toughest neighborhoods of the main Honduran cities yesterday at the start of a crackdown in one of the world's most violent countries.

Defense Minister Marlon Pascua told reporters the joint patrols were part of "Operation Lightning," an effort to restore government authority to highcrime neighborhoods.

The operation was launched after President Porfirio Lobo fired the five most senior police commanders after four officers suspected of killing two college students were released from jail.

The suspects were freed three days after they were detained on condition that they return on Sunday -- but none of them came back, said police spokesman Silvio Inestroza.

One of the students killed

was the son of the head of the National Autonomous University of Honduras, Julieta Castellanos.

"Operation Lightning intends to guarantee the presence of authorities in high-conflict areas," Lobo said late Monday.

By the end of 2011 Honduras is likely to have the highest murder rate in the world --86 per 100,000 inhabitants, according to the Violence Observatory in Tegucigalpa, a UN-backed monitor. On average there have been 20 violent deaths a day in 2011, 85 percent of them caused by shootings.

In Honduras, a country slightly larger than Portugal with a population of eight million, violence has soared since a June 2009 coup toppled the country's leftist president. But little has changed under Lobo, who took office in January

Boeing 767 lands on belly after undercarriage failure

WARSAW(AFP) - A Boeing 767 with 231 people on board made an emergency landing yesterday, skidding down the runway on its belly at Warsaw airport after its landing gear failed, a spokesman for Poland's LOT airline told AFP.

Fire and ambulance crews were deployed and all 220 passengers and 11 crew on the plane of national carrier LOT Polish Airlines were able to disembark safely.

'The Boeing 767-300 with 220 passengers aboard travelling from Newark (in the United States) made a successful emergency landing after its landing gear failed to deploy," spokesman Leszek Chorzewski told AFP.

"The plane landed safely on its belly on the runway which had been sprayed with special flame retardant substances. All the passengers disembarked, no one was injured."

Sparks appeared from the jet engines on its wings as they scraped the runway. After it stopped, passengers exited the plane using inflatable emergency slides to the runway where emergency crews were waiting for them.

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Health & Living

Painkiller overdose 'epidemic' strikes US



WASHINGTON (AFP) -Lethal overdoses from prescription painkillers have tripled in the past decade and now account for more deaths than heroin and cocaine combined, US health authorities said Tuesday.

The quantity of painkillers on the market is so high that it would be enough to medicate every American with a standard dose of Vicodin every four hours for one full month, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"In fact, now the burden of dangerous drugs is being created more by a few irresponsible doctors than by drug pushers on street corners."said CDC chief Thomas Frieden.

The CDC Vital Signs report focused on opioid pain relievers, including oxycodone, methadone and hydrocodone, better known as Vicodin, which have quadrupled in sales to pharmacies, hospitals and doctors' offices since 1999.

Last year, 12 million Americans reported taking prescrip-

tion painkillers for recreational uses, not because of a medical condition.

The number of deaths from overdoses of opioid pain relievers has more than tripled from 4,000 people in 1999 to 14,800 people in 2008.

The epidemic is at its height among middle-aged white men and American Indians or Alaska natives, the CDC said.

Rural and poor areas tend to have the highest prescription drug overdose death rates.

Deaths from prescription drugs made up almost 75 percent of overdose deaths in which a drug was specified on the death certificate, the CDC said, noting that deaths and hospitalizations have increased in parallel with the boost in supply.

The sales rate of the three opioids included in the study reached 7.1 kilograms per 10,000 population last year, or the same as 710 milligrams per person in the United States

"Enough OPR (opioid pain relievers) were prescribed last

year to medicate every American adult with a standard pain treatment dose of five milligrams of hydrocodone (Vicodin and others) taken every four hours for a month," the CDC said.

Even though a relatively small portion of the US population admits abusing prescription painkillers, the costs to health insurance companies are huge -- \$72.5 billion per year, according to the report.

States could do a better job of regulating the problem via drug monitoring records and insurance claims information that "can identify and address inappropriate prescribing and use by patients," the report

More laws targeting socalled "pill mills," which are prescribing at higher than normal rates in particularly affected states, could also cut back on the problem, it said.

US surgery planned for conjoined twins from Philippines

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Conjoined two-year-old girls born in the Philippines are to undergo surgery to separate them at the chest and abdomen, said the California hospital where the operation will take place.

The riskiest part of Angelina and Angelica Sabuco's surgery is expected to be the process of separating their livers, said Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in the northern city of Palo Alto.

"Survival rates for twins joined primarily at the chest, known as thoraco-omphalopagus twins, are dependent on the complexity of the heart connection, if any, and any complications related to the separation of the liver," the hospital said in a statement.

The girls, who turned two in August, are joined at the chest and belly. However they have separate brains, hearts, kidney, stomachs and intestines.

The operation is expected to take eight to nine hours -- six hours to separate the girls and two to three hours of reconstruction, the hospital said.

It will be lead surgeon Gary Hartman's sixth operation on conjoined twins. The most recent set of twins separated at the hospital were Yurelia and Fiorella Rocha-Arias of Costa Rica in November 2007. They are doing well.

The girls' mother, Ginady, said she learned her babies were conjoined when she was seven months pregnant and her husband was working in San Jose, California.

The babies were born in August 2009, and she joined her husband, Fidel, in California in late 2010 when they began meeting with doctors at Packard Children's Hospital.











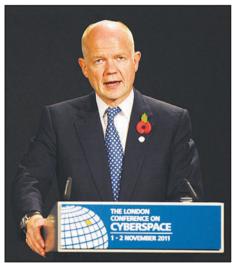


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Sci-Tech

Britain, US warn over Internet freedom at cyber talks



Britain's Foreign Secretary William which is not stifled by Hague speaks in the 'Internet Free- government control or dom' session at the London Cyber- censorship, but where space Conference in November 1, 2011.

LONDON (AFP) - Britain and the United States appealed Tuesday for Internet freedom at a global conference designed to set up the "rules of the road" for cyberspace, although critics accused Western powers of hypocrisy.

Government officials, tech firms, NGOs, bloggers and security experts from more than 60 countries attended the two-

day talks in London, and US Vice President Joe Biden also gave an address via video-link from Washington.

In his opening speech to delegates including officials from Russia and China, Hague said the social and economic benefits of the Internet were huge and warned that any states trying to block online activity would lose out.

"We must aspire to a future for cyberspace **London** innovation and competition flourish and investment

enterprise are rewarded," the foreign secretary said.

We reject the view that government suppression of the Internet, phone networks and social media at times of unrest is acceptable," Hague said.

Biden echoed Hague, saying that while the Internet presented opportunities for wrongdoing "on a vast scale" from terrorism to human trafficking, child pornography to attacks on government systems, they were no excuse for censorship.

Although both men were referring to crackdowns in the Middle East and North Africa and efforts by countries such as China and Russia to control the flow of information, Britain faces accusations of hypocrisy.

In August, when rioting broke out across English cities, Minister Prime David Cameron had mooted the idea of stopping rioters communicating via social media, although the government did not take it any further.

John Kampfner, chief executive of Index on Censorship, highlighted this at a side meeting at the conference, saying: "It's very easy to defend this case of black and white human rights against dictatorships around the world.

He said Hague had challenged Cameron on his stance at the time, and in his brief address to the conference on Tuesday, the prime minister insisted it was important to "strike a balance... between freedom and a free-for-all".

William Echikson, Google's head of free expression in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, also warned at the conference that Western governments were not immune from wanting to control the Internet.

Freedom of expression "is being challenged closer to home here in Europe. There are some 60 countries which impose controls now on the Internet, and that's up from two a decade ago," Echikson said.

He cited a case last year when three Google Italy executives were convicted of violation of privacy over an Internet video of bullying.

The London talks cover a broad agenda including cyber security, and Hague said it would aim to set up some basic global principles for cyberspace.

Campaigners push for vast Antarctic marine reserve



SYDNEY(AFP) - Conservationists called Tuesday for the world's biggest marine protection zone to be declared around Antarctica, heralding the possibility of a global fight over its pristine waters.

As fishing stocks around the world become increasingly depleted, the Antarctic Ocean Alliance is urging the international convention tasked with managing the southern seas to establish a vast no-take network.

"The problem at the moment is that as fisheries resources around the world come under more and more pressure, there are going to be more distant water-fishing nations who want to go to the oceans around Antarctica to extract protein," the alliance's Steve Campbell told AFP on Tuesday. "And they are going to do it either legally or illegally."

While the land continent has been under protection since 1991, Campbell said there is no such rule in place for the pristine waters around it, which are teeming with marine life -- much of which is

seen nowhere else on the planet.

The 25-nation Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources is set to decide on a network of marine reserves by 2012.

Campbell said the alliance was calling for the creation of a reserve network "on a scale that hasn't been done anywhere else on the planet before because of the enormous value of the Antarctic wilderness to science and to humanity".

The alliance's proposed protection zone, which would loop around the continent and include the Ross Sea, would help conserve close to 10,000 species including emperor penguins, minke and killer whales, seals and colossal squid.

Antartica is seen as a critical resource for studying climate change, with its ice cores providing valuable data on greenhouse gas levels and temperatures.

The alliance's membership includes WWF, Greenpeace and the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition.



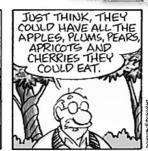


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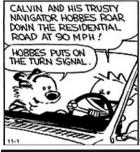








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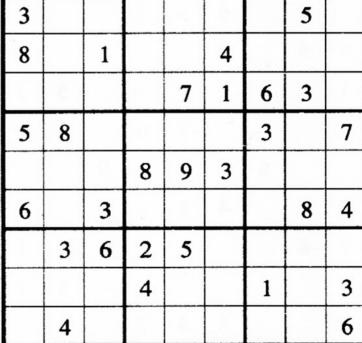
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Europe scrambles to deflect panic after shock Greek move

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Europe's big two, France and Germany, called emergency talks yesterday as angry EU leaders scrambled to ward off financial mayhem in the wake of the Greek prime minister's shock referendum call.

President Nicolas Sarkozy and Chancellor Angela Merkel will hold talks today "with the European institutions and the IMF as well as a meeting with the Greek side," a Franco-German statement said.

In a brief phone call to Merkel, Greece's Prime Minister George Papandreou told the chancellor that the referendum would "strengthen the country in the eurozone and globally."

But as Papandreou's call for a referendum on a euro debt rescue package agreed only five days ago sent markets into a dizzying tailspin, European leaders appeared shocked and angered.

"There is no doubt the

Greek decision ... is having a negative effect on the markets. This is an unexpected decision that generates uncertainties," Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said.

The Greek announcement sent Italy's stock market closing down 6.80 percent and its borrowing rates shooting up to record levels.

"Markets need stability and security," Belgium's Prime Minister Yves Leterme said. "The decisions taken at last Wednesday's European summit were destined to restore confidence."

"The Greeks have a right to a prospect of a better future, but they must also be aware that this is no longer a purely internal Greek problem."

Like other European leaders in shock at the move, Leterme admitted surprise. "Papandreou never mentioned it before, during or after the summit." As World Bank president Robert Zoellick warned a "No" vote on Greek budget cuts could cause "a mess", eurogroup chief, Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, said the result of a failed referendum could trigger bankruptcy for Athens.

"I cannot exclude" bank-

"I cannot exclude" bankruptcy, Juncker said. "It will depend on the manner in which the question will be exactly formulated and on what the Greeks exactly vote on."

In Washington, President Barack Obama's spokesman Jay Carney said the referendum announcement "just reinforces the notion that... the Europeans... need to elaborate further and implement rapidly the decisions they made last week."

"It remains the case that the Europeans have the capacity to deal with this crisis, and they need to implement the very important decisions they made last week to provide a conclusive resolution to it," Carney said.

Last week's summit, a marathon affair capping days of talks, was precisely intended to rescue Greece, thereby bringing the entire 17-nation euro area back from the brink.

Amid fears of global recession and strong international pressure, Europe's leaders agreed a package deal that included beefing up its rescue fund to a trillion dollars, strengthening banks and forcing the private sector to write off 50 percent of Greek debt under a pain-sharing scheme.

Greece was offered a total 230 billion euros in a bid to reduce its debt to 120 percent of GDP by 2020 -- but on condition of implementing pledged reforms.



Yokohama -- Japan's auto Nissan president Carlos Ghosn announces the company's new mid-term environment plan at the company's headquarters in Yokohama, suburban Tokyo. Japanese auto giant Nissan is aiming to sell 1.5 million electric vehicles around the world by 2016, the company said October 24, as it looks to capitalize on growing demand for green products. (AFP PHOTO)

US stocks sink as Europe worries surge

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks dived yesterday after

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Greece unexpectedly called a referendum on its latest EU bailout program, sending global markets into a tailspin.

Sentiment also was hit by disappointing manufacturing data for China, the global economy's growth engine.

The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 295.01 points (2.47 percent) to 11,660.00 in closing trade.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite, which had opened more than three percent lower, was down 77.03 points (2.87 percent) to 2,607.38.

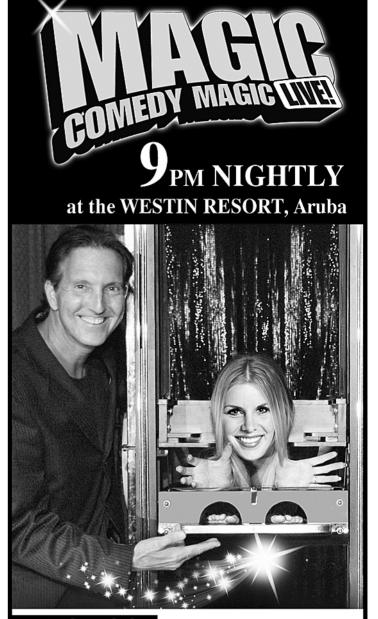
The S&P 500-stock index, a broader measure of the

markets, shed 34.85 points (2.78 percent) to 1,218.45.

Crude oil prices also fell yesterday as Greece's surprise call for a referendum on the latest EU bailout plan cast uncertainty over efforts to resolve the eurozone debt crisis.

New York's main oil contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, closed at \$92.19 a barrel, down \$1.00 from Monday's closing level.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for December slipped two cents to settle at \$109.54 a barrel.



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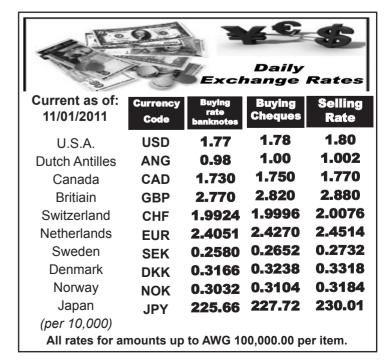
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'Destinations' by Grace Ashruf opens at the former Garage Cordia



Grace and husband Ferdinand thank Hans Schnogg



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Island artist Grace Ashruf unveiled her latest collection of paintings titled 'Destinations' on Wednesday evening October 26th in a special exposition set up in the former Garage Cordia Building; owner Hans Schnog, a connoisseur of art, generously provided the facility for this internationally noted artist, originally from Surinam

It is Grace's practice to produce a collection of 30 works every few years, each time interpreting some aspect of her environment that has struck a creative cord. Each collection is distinctive from the other, though a commonality to all is her use of vibrant color. However, the artist is every-expanding and growing in her techniques and observances.

This collection is a fusion of names of Aruban Neighborhoods and abstract silhouettes

of island landmarks and structures. They interpret not only the contemporary names of popular places on the island, but also many of the ancient aboriginal names given them by the native Indians. Grace believes the true significance of these names and their origins remain unknown but they lyrical configurations fascinate her. "I have always been amazed and inspired by these interesting and distinctive names I observed on my frequent forays into the far reaches of Aruba" she expressed of her visual interpretations of words such as Uratakka, Catiri, Daimari, Jamanota and An-

"Each painting in this collection consists of 3 layers" she explained to those attending the opening, "first, a heavily textured base composition, which is then flavored with a very abstracted landscape; on top of that, a composition in modern colors and combinations."

This year Grace will donate 10% of revenues from this exhibition to Kinderhuis Casa Cuna in Aruba in the same manner as she set aside proceeds from her 2009 solo show to the Kinderhuis Imeldahof. During the opening, she and her husband Ferdinand presented building owner Hans with a bottle of fine wine in gratitude for his continued

artists of Aruba in general.

The exposition is located on the L.G. Smith Boulevard on the western outskirts of Oranjestad, very close to the CMB Bank. Opening hours are Monday to Friday mornings: from 10-2 pm and afternoons: 4-6 pm; Saturdays from 10-5 pm. Entrance is free.

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by Rosalie Klein

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami- lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spa-

high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee cious, offering privacy for Concierge services to arrange



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,



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Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba. com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk person ally to a Gold Coast representative.

Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary



When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country.'

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cuisine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal. A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal;" discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice, served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef.

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on

which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispyfried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them warm. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate air-conditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake; there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, across from Aruba's Numismatic Museum, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal! Call 588-4494 for reservations.

THE MORNING NEWS Wednesday, November 2, 2011 Southern Pride Team is winner of the 2nd annual Aruba Caribbean Cup



Tournament organizers with Elliot Stark of Billfish Foundation ans Minister Oduber.



first place team Souther Pride on Papucho



First place angler Anthony Pinson with 1500 points

Aruba hosted for the second time an official event on the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) circuit, the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup out of the Varadero Yacht Club. Returning to judge and MC the event, Captain Don "The Mouth of the South" Kipnes, declared Aruba an ideal location for this tournament, drawing game fish anglers from around the world, and despite squalls and rough

conditions the second day, a notable number of billfish were caught and released, as conservation and appreciation of the great fish is a constant theme of the IGFA events.

The award ceremony on Sunday evening at the Surfside Marina was a ebullient event; 19 teams and 72 anglers caught and released 35 blue marlin, 16 white marlin and 19 sailfish. Preceding the announcement of the winners, an auction was conducted to raise funds for the Adopt-a-Billfish White Marlin Tagging Program from the BillFish Foundation. Elliot Stark accepted a \$5000 donation from tournament organizers as well as an additional \$1000+ raised during the auction. The program was proposed during last year's tournament, and this year, for 8 days before competition began, island boats, at their own expense, caught and tagged 11 rare white marlin. After 3 to 6 months the tags will detach and float to the surface, where they will be collected by foundation technicians and the data analyzed. The tags cost \$4,000 each, and the company of Erik Mansur, the man who brought the tournament to Aruba, was



High point angler day 1 **Robert Belcher**

gram and well as Richard Eman of Surfside Marina.

This year, Aruba Tourism Authority joined major local sponsors Balashi and Renaissance in realizing the event and Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber was on hand for the final award ceremony.

Southern Pride Fishing team, aboard the Curacaobased charter boat Papucho, took the first place purse of \$10,000 for the second year. They were also the high-point team on Day 3, and won for First Place Crew and High Point Crew Day 3. Team member Mariano Del Masa was also High Point Angler for the final day with 600 points.

Second Place Team taking home a \$6,500 purse was Priority, fishing aboard the Aruban vessel Driftwood. Third Place went to Erik Mansur's team, Prime Time, fishing on the Alina. Robert Belcher of Prime time was the High Point Angler Day 1 and Rafael Rojas on Alina was High Point Angler Day 2.

Top three overall angler awards, in descending order, were won by Anthony Pinson on Driftwood, with 1500 points, Robert Belcher with Prime Time scored 1000 points, and Jeff Stingel aboard Exile with 900 points.

First Fish of the tournament was caught by Ebby Hall of Team OBX on the Teaser on



High point angler day 2 Rafael Rojas

and Last Fish was caught by Gabriel Octavio on the Exile at 3:53 PM the following Sun-

Officials of the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup, which moved its annual venue from Venezuela to Aruba last year, report they could not be more pleased with the fine welcome they have received from the Aruban government and local sponsors, or the very positive reaction from participants to the fishing condition



High point angler day 3

and the quantity and diversity of game fish to be found in the island's waters. A special circle hook is now deployed, which is not swallowed by the fish so does little harm when removed and the catch is released back into the sea, maintaining the spirit of the sport. A full recounting of all winners and information about this year's event, and registering for next year can be found on their website: www.preschallenge.com.

by Rosalie Klein



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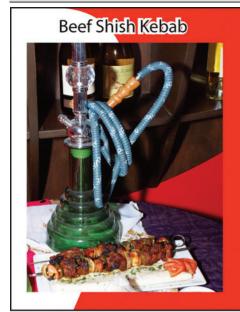
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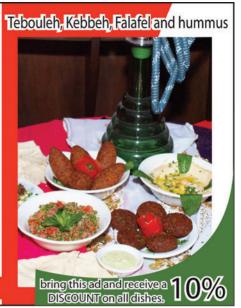






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Djokovic battles through on comeback in Basel



Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts after a winning point during his match against Belgium's Xavier Malisse at the Swiss Indoors ATP tennis tournament in Basel. Djokovic won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

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Tel: 588-9517 / Fax: 588-9518 E-mail: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com Website: www.themorningnewsaruba.com BASEL (AFP) - World number one Novak Djokovic won a hard fought three setter Xavier against veteran Malisse at the Swiss Indoors on Tuesday as he revealed he has recovered from what he termed the worst injury of his career.

Djokovic, playing for the first time in six weeks after a back injury in the Davis Cup semi-finals left him in lying in agony on court in Serbia, finally overcame the in-form Belgian 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 to progress to the second round.

The world number one who took the Basel title in 2009 but lost the final a year ago to Roger Federer, walked onto the court wearing a Batman Joker Halloween mask, but got a fright of his own as he faced down Malisse, ranked 47 in the world.

The Serb ended with a break of the 30-year-old Belgian in the final game after losing his way as he served for victory leading 5-3 in the third set. Djokovic dropped serve on a fifth break point, his seventh double fault but found a way to win three games later.

"I'm only just back from the biggest injury of my career," said the winner of ten titles in 2011. "It was a big ask for me to have played really well

The loser of just two ATP matches this season - plus one in the Davis Cup semi-final against Argentina - improved to 65-3 on the season.

Djokovic is the only man other than Federer to win the Basel title in the past five years.

The chances for Mardy Fish to play in his first ATP season finale may have been badly compromised as the American suffered a hamstring injury just 11 minutes into his opening match.

Fish was leading compatriot James Blake 1-0 in the opening set when he was forced to retire.

The retirement could mean the end of Fish's hopes of winning a place in the World Tour Finals in London from November 20.

The 29-year-old stands a provisional eighth in the race for the eight-man field, with three places still up for grabs.

Two Swiss players moved into the second round, with 2006 semi-finalist Stanislas Wawrinka leading the way with his defeat of Croatian Ivan Dodig 6-4, 6-4. Qualifier Michael Lammer put out experienced Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 6-3.

Wawrinka will next face either second seed Andy Murray or Dutchman Robin Haase.

Roger Federer was honoured as the all-time best of the Basel event since it began in 1970 and among other things had his picture painted during the ceremony in five minutes by a speed artist.

The Swiss drew 31,000 of 40,000 online public votes, with Djokovic receiving 3,000-odd and Bjorn Borg a mere 1,000 or so.



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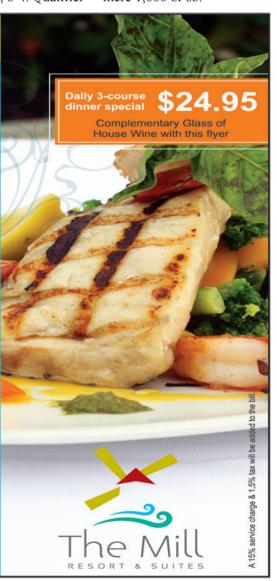
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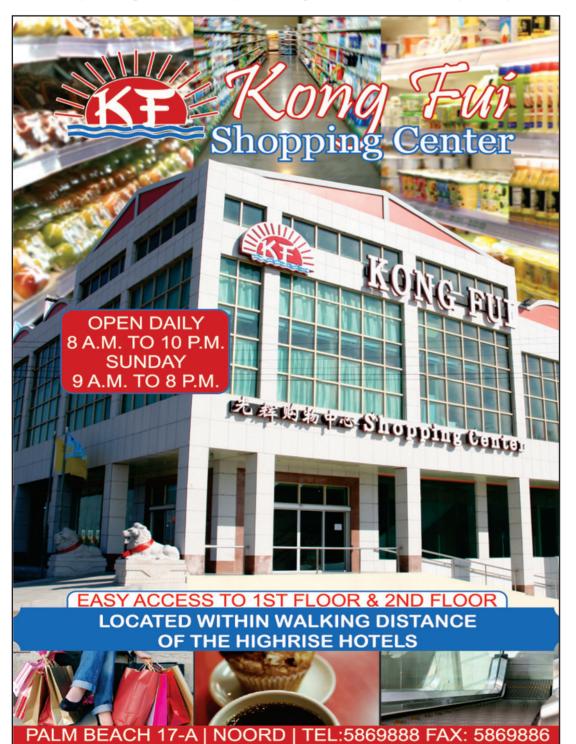
Rivers fumble sets stage for Chiefs win over Chargers

KANSAS CITY (AFP) - Ryan Succop booted a 30-yard field goal in overtime to seal Kansas City's 23-20 NFL triumph over San Diego on Monday that put the

Chiefs into an unexpected tie atop the AFC West division.

San Diego had trailed much of the game but appeared poised to seize the victory when quarterback Philip Rivers led a drive to the Chiefs' 15-yard-line.

However, with less than a minute left in regulation, Rivers fumbled a snap and Kansas City's Andy Stude-



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Running back Curtis Brinkley(notes) #44 of the San Diego Chargers dives over the Kansas City Chiefs defense.

baker came out of the pile-up with the ball.

The Chiefs then marched down the field trying to get within range of a potential game-winning field goal.

Kansas City quarterback Matt Cassel threw his second interception of the contest to send it into overtime.

The Chargers won the toss and had the ball to start overtime, but couldn't get a first down.

Cassel then guided the Chiefs down the field in a drive capped by Succop's game-winning field goal with 5:16 remaining.

The Chiefs became the first team in NFL history to lose their first three games only to seize a share of a di-

vision lead after seven games.

Kansas City struck early with a 36-yard field goal by Succop in the first quarter. Cassel connected with rookie Jonathan Baldwin for a touchdown to make it 10-0.

Succop's second field goal of the game just before half-time gave the Chiefs a 13-3 lead

The Chargers' Nick Novak contributed three field goals in the third quarter as San Diego pulled within 13-12, but Jackie Battle's touchdown leap early in the fourth gave the Chiefs a 20-12 lead.

San Diego responded with a touchdown drive followed by a two-point conversion to knot the score at 20-20.